Planning Commission for execution during the Tenth Five Year Plan. However, the Government of Orissa can utilise the one time Additonal Central Assistance (ACA) sanctioned by Planning Commission as per the Annual Plan of the State for priority schemes.

National project for Restoration of water bodies

2925. SHRI S.ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the National Project which has recently been launched for the repair, renovation and restoration of water bodies;

(b) whether this project is proposed to be implemented in any districts of Tamil Nadu; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the funds allocated therefor, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) The Pilot scheme "National Project for Repair, Renovation and Restoration of Water Bodies directly linked to agriculture" was approved for a total outlay of Rs. 300 crores for the remaining period of Tenth Five Year Plan. The scheme envisages taking up pilot projects by the States in one or two districts for restoration of water bodies having original culturable command area of 40 ha. upto 200 ha. States are to submit Detailed Project Report (DPR) as per guidelines for the scheme for approval of projects by Ministry of Water Resources. Funding pattern is 75:25 (Centre: State). Central share of fund is to be released to States in two half yearly intervals as per provision of funds made in the State budget. The aims and objectives of the project are to restore and augment the storage capacity of the water bodies and to recover and extend their lost irrigation potential. There will be a district-level implementation committee for implementation of district project in which district collector will be the Chairman and Vice-Chairman will be a reputed NGO.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir, Two projects for districts, Sivagangai and Villupuram in Tamil Nadu have been approved for implemention by the State Government. The Project for Sivagangai is for estimated cost of Rs. 1.222

crores and for Villupram is for Rs. 9.372 crores. The State government has planned to implement the projects from 2005-06.

World Bank conditions for irrigation projects

2926. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:
SHRI KB. KRISHNAMURTHY:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the World Bank has imposed certain conditions before financing irrigation projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what is the reaction of Government thereon;

(d) the details of the irrigation projects pending for want of money;

(e) whether it is also a fact that 22.5 per cent Central Budget was allotted for irrigation projects during the first Five Year Plan but only 6.5 per cent has been reserved during the current Five Year Plan, and if so, the reasons for decreasing the allocation; and

(f) the measures taken by Government to provide water to maximum irrigated area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) No, Sir. However, in the publication titled 'Country Strategy for India' of the World Bank, guidelines for Bank lending in key sectors including irrigation and drainage have been outlined.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) There are 169 major and 219 medium irrigation projects in the country which have spilled over to Tenth Plan from different plans due to various reasons including thin spreading of resources.

(e) and (f) Considering the Plan outlays for both the Central and State sectors, the irrigation investment is declining from 22.5 per cent in First Plan to 6.45 per cent in Tenth Plan. However, considering the State Sector